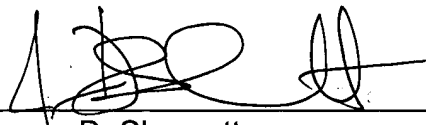


Applicants note claim 137 was indicated to be allowable in the Notice of Allowance. Applicants canceled claim 137 in the Office Action dated November 27, 2001. Clarification is requested in the next Action.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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